

**STATEMENT OF CANDIDATE FOR  
AUBURN UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT**

**Christopher Benson**

**Age:** 42

**Occupation:** Downtown Auburn Businessman

**Education and Qualifications:** I have lived in Auburn for over 17 years, and with a 5-year-old starting kindergarten at Alta Vista Elementary this year, I am a concerned parent, and a highly motivated candidate for a seat on the Auburn Union Elementary School District board.

If elected, I promise to use my 15 years' experience in computer technology, data analysis, business planning, and leadership to do my utmost to help our community provide the best educational experiences possible for our children.

With the pressure of ongoing budget crises, seemingly unavoidable staff reductions, tougher statewide standards, and declining student enrollment, honest, thoughtful analysis is required and swift but cautious action demanded.

There are tough decisions to be made and opportunities for real progress, and I want to be involved in both. I love our little town, and I love the promise of a great public education for our kids, and I'm ready to go to work for you.